

Section 401 Water Quality Certification Public Notices

The Central Coast Water Board is currently reviewing applications for the following project for certification under Section 401 of the Clean Water Act. We encourage public comments on the proposed work, which will be considered in the decision. You may submit comments in writing on any of these projects to:

Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board
895 Aerovista Place, Suite 101
San Luis Obispo, CA 93401
Attention: 401 Coordinator

Project Applicant	Jim Mazza – Land Trust for Santa Barbara County
Applicant's Agent	N/A
Project Name	Lower Refugio Creek Restoration Project
Receiving Water	Refugio Creek
City/County	Goleta/ Santa Barbara
Public Notice	6/29/07 to 7/20/07
Project Description	

The purpose of this project is to eradicate approximately four acres of *Arundo donax*, revegetate up to two acres of native riparian habitat with native plants, and stabilize approximately 1,280 linear feet of creek bank using biotechnical techniques. This is a voluntary restoration project amongst three adjacent private landowners on lower Refugio Creek.

The project activities include: bank stabilization, which will require trenching two one-foot wide trenches, three feet apart, at the toe of the slope and parallel to the bank. Fascines consisting of eight-inch diameter bundles of live willow stakes lashed together with twine will be placed in the trenches, and covered with the excavated material. In some locations, heavy willow debris will be used in combination with fascines, to anchor them down. Willow pole planting will be implemented between and above the fascines on the slope. All work will be performed with hand laborers; though a small hand operated mechanical trencher may be used to expedite construction.

Given the nature of the project, no mitigation was proposed.

An Environmental Impact Report was prepared for this project
State Clearinghouse File # 2001031043
Lead Agency: Santa Barbara County Flood Control District

File Location:

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